(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any representation has been given by Rajasthan Khanij Udyog Mahasangh in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the steps taken by the Government to encourage small mine owners; and

(f) the achivements made regarding discovery and mining of minerals in the mineral rich Arawali ranges in Rajasthan alongwith the role of Indian Bureau of Mines in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Some of the problems emerged from discussions held with the small mine owners by Indian Bureau of Mines are . Shortage of qualified surveyors and mining engineers; an elaborate format for the preparation of mining plans; difficulties in carrying out mining operations when mine owners do not have surface rights alongwith mineral right; etc.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Amendments have been made in Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 1988 simplifying the earlier Forms and Notices, and even reducing their frequency of submission. Recently, a special Cell has been formed in Indian Bureau of Mines for helping the small mine owners. The charges for Technical Consultancy, Chemical Analysis and Ore Dressing Investigations by Indian Bureau of Mines are concessional for small mines. The State Government in the year 1994 amended the Rajasthan Mines Mineral Concession Rules, 1986 to increase minimum seize of lease area from 50Mx50M, to one hectare. The State Govt. has also offered to bear 50% cost of construction of roads, schools, hospitals and other labour welfare amenities provided 50% of the cost is borne by the lessees. The State Govt. has also undertaken construction of roads at its own cost in the case of cluster of small mines.

(f) A large number of potential mineral deposits have been discoverd and investigated in the Aravali range, many of which have gone into production. The important mineral among non-metallic minerals are rock phosphate deposits of Udaipur district. Barytes deposits, Fluorite deposits of Rahila and Pandokipal districts, Dungarpur, Karara in Jalore district, marble and cement grade limestone deposits of Chittor, Bundi, Banswara, Sawai Madhopur, Pali and Udaipur districts. Among metallic minerals state department has located Deri Poly metallic deposits (Cu, Pb, Zn) and basemetal deposits at Basantgarh, Pipela areas all in Sirohi district. Agucha Zinc-Lead deposit in Bhilwara district, Pando Ki Pal copper deposit in Dungarpur district and Anjani basemetal deposit in Udaipur district. Indian Bureau of Mines does not take up work relating to mineral exploration.

National Vocational Training System

4120. SHRI A.C. JOS : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the German Government has offered any assistance for revamping the National Vocational Training system and major areas of training;

(b) if so, the details and terms and conditions thereof;

(c) the areas in which the financial assistance is proposed to be utilised; and

(d) the fields for which collaboration has been made/ proposed to be made for technical co-operation with Germany?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (d). The German Government is considering the proposal to provide technical cooperation to DGE and T in the Ministry of Labour in the following areas :

(i) Restructuring of the National Vocational Training System including (a) planning for National Trade Testing and Certification Authority, (b) planning for a nodal institute for Instructors' Training;

(ii) Development of a nodal institute for Research, Executive Staff Training, Central Information and Documentation Services by restructring the existing functions of the Central Staff Training and Research Institute (CSTARI), Calcutta;

(iii) Development of a nodal institute for Curriculum, Media and Trade Testing by restructuring the existing functions of the Central Instructural Media Institute (CIMI), Chennai.

The above proposals are in the process of negotiations. However, under the existing Development Co-operation with Germany in the field of vocational training, the German Government is providing assistance to CIMI, Chennai for the development of instructional media packages for the use of trainees and trainers under Craftsman Training and Apprenticeship Training Schemes.

Doubling and Electrification of Railway Tracks

4121. DR. RAM CHANDRA DOME : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government had conducted the techno-economical survey for doubling and electrification progamme on the Andal-Sainthia section of Eastern Railway;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the work on above section is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Disruption of Rail Traffic

4122. SHRI ANIL BASU :
DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIA :
SHRI HARADHAN ROY :
SHRI VIJAY GOEL :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been frequent disruption of rail traffic due to derailment of passenger and goods trains during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, zone-wise and location-wise;

(c) the number of trains cancelled due to such traffic disruption and details of loss of life and material suffered as a result thereof in each case alongwith the details of cancellation or diversion of rail traffic during the last three years;

(d) whether the poor maintenance of rolling stock, locomotives and the railway tracks are mainly responsible for such frequent derailments and

(e) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken to ensure proper maintenance of the rolling stocks and particularly the railway tracks as a safeguard against any derailment of passenger and goods trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b). Railway zone-wise break-uip of derailments on Indian Railways during the last three years namely, 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 is as under :

Rly.	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
CR	41	46	43
ER	37	28	24
NR	43	54	33
NER	25	16	21
NFR	40	49	20
SR	36	31	35
SCR	47	39	27
SER	91	84	62
WR	41	41	31
Total	401	388	296

(c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Negotiations with Manila

4123. SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government have been drawn to the news item captioned, "DoT team to leave for Manila to negotiate Rs. 595 crore ADB loan," appearing in "Indian Express" dated October 13, 1996;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard;

(c) whether DoT team has been able to negotiate and

(d) if so, the details of the teams and conditions and the projects likely to be undertaken under this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. DOT Team has gone to Manila on 16.10.96 to negotiate for getting ADB loan for the Rural Telecommunication Project.

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. The Team alongwith the officers of Deptt. of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance have been able to negotiate this loan and the Bank has approved a loan of Rs. 400 crores for project of DOT for providing Village Public Telephones in 31,788 villages of 42 districts of Uttar Pradesh (East). This loan has been obtained under the standard terms and conditions of the Bank and will be repaid in 24 years including a grace period of 4 years. The scheme under this project will be implemented during 1997-2000. A tender has already been floated in October, 1996 and the trial project will begin in the 2nd half of 1997.

Committee on Outstanding Dues

4124. SHRI NARAYAN ATHAWALAY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a Committee of Secretaries has worked out the modalities for recovery of huge outstanding dues of Railways form NTPC, DESU and other SEBs;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal along with present status of outstanding dues, Public Sector Undertaking-wise and extent of back-log accumulated over the last three years;

(c) whether the problem was reviewed in depth in the past at the highest level and details of the steps/ remedial action suggested and implemented as a result thereof; and